

Residents near Soldier Hollow set their sights on 2002

By GIB TWYMAN
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SOLDIER HOLLOW — Deer tracks speckle the otherwise seamless snowscape.

Creeks whisper their icy way sibilantly to Deer Creek Reservoir. The wind whistles a soft tundra melody, its frosty breath nipping at your ears.

"This has been grazing land for years," says Don Morgan, assistant manager of Wasatch Mountain State Park. "Other than that you've got some ducks and badgers and coyotes. That's about all."

But if you listen hard enough, you can hear clear to 2002 when this sweet, scenic meadow in the southwest corner of the Heber Valley, hugging the hemline of the Wasatch Front, will become the mighty mite of Olympic venues for the XIX Winter Games.

Then the shushing of this unhurried parkland will give way to the bustle of the schuss-boomers of the world, blistering the gentle hills in search of national honor.

Then Soldier Hollow will serve as the site of the biathlon and cross-country events, as well as the skiing portion of the nordic

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combined.

And when the world feasts its eyes on this lush grassland, served up in a beautiful bowl of mountains, it will see a course unique in the Olympic experience.

"It will be different from all the other Olympic venues in the world," says John Aalberg, 37, of Park City, planning coordinator of cross-country and biathlon for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and a man who competed in the Albertville and Lillehammer games for the U.S. "Most other world-class courses all you see is the skiers at the start-finish and that's it. They're in the trees the rest of the time.

"The way this course will be laid out, you will see the skiers almost the whole course, so it will be ideal for spectators, coaches and media."

Aalberg was among the SLOC official traveling party to the Nagano Games and it affected his

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Road to 2002: Jim and Lee Haupt enjoy Saturday's perfect weather at Wasatch Mountain Park. The two explored the area's cross-country trails — Lee for the first time.

thinking about the way the course should be laid out competitively. Many athletes complained the uphills at Hukaba, the cross-country venue, were too tough and the downhills too steep. The

course here will be more varied and undulating.

"It will be fair for more than goats," Aalberg said.

But the competitive side of this venue is only one of its unique

aspects.

In virtually every way there is nothing like it in the rest of the 2002 Olympics.

See MIDWAY, A3

Day race gap widening, nation still 'separate, unequal'

By DEB RIECHMANN
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WASHINGTON — Thirty years ago, at the height of America's civil rights movement, a report concluded that the nation was being divided into two societies: "one black, one white — separate and unequal." On the anniversary of that Kerner Commission report, a private urban-policy group says that's exactly what has happened.

Released this weekend, the report called "The Millennium Breach" says the economic and racial divide in the United States not only has materialized, it's getting wider.

"While leaders and pundits talk of full employment, inner city unemployment is at crisis levels," said the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation. "The rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and minorities are suffering disproportionately."

The foundation's report was issued to coincide with Monday's anniversary of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders' release of the Kerner Commission report, named after its chairman, then-Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner.

country and these underutilized people whose lives are being wasted."

He accused the authors of being "stuck in the '60s" and seeing the world only through a "prism of race."

The report says an estimated \$56 billion would be needed to carry out its recommendations: Expand funding for successful programs like Head Start, reduce investment for ineffective programs and cut corporate welfare and military spending.

Polls show that typical Americans want to do more for the truly disadvantaged and the inner city but think that the major obstacle to doing more is "lack of knowledge," the report said. "But we already know what doesn't work, what does work and how to replicate what does work."

What does work?

The report includes Head Start, after-school youth centers, urban school reform and school-to-work programs as things that work. Other successes, the report says, are programs that focus on job training, placement and retention, inner city economic development and crime and drug prevention.

What doesn't work?

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